Hassan District.—No appreciable rainfall during this week. The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present, but more rain is needed for the standing crops.

The prices of food grains continue to be high.

Kadur District.—Food stuffs were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities to meet the local requirements but there was no change in their prices. The standing crops are fading for want of rain.

Shimoga District.—Rain is wanted almost everywhere in the district, especially for the paddy crop. The food situation remains unchanged.

Chitaldrug District.—No rainfall nor has there been any marked change in the prices of food grains.

The seasonal conditions are so far free from anxiety.

General (By Food Controller.)—There was hardly any rainfall during the week. Standing crops are reported to be generally in good condition, but rain is urgently wanted.

The supply of food stuffs in the markets is reported to be sufficient. The prices of ragi and rice have risen slightly in the Bangalore City and in Tumkur to Rs. 80.

The demand for Burma rice continues to be slack. The issue from the Provincial Grain Depot of Burma whole rice and brokens to merchants, co-operative societies and private individuals for domestic consumption is continued.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Press Communique.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM NO. FL. 2869—G. F. 264-19, DATED 23RD OCTOBER 1920.

The accompanying revised Press Communique in supersession of the one issued with Government Memorandum No. Fl. 7739-88—G. F. 264-19-1, dated 22nd April 1920, is published for general information.

By Order,
M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

The attention of Government has been drawn to a certain statement in the newspapers that owing to the non-receipt of interest on Government of India War Bonds, the holders thereof are intending to sell them for less than their market value. Government do not understand the exact nature of the difficulty of the bond-holders in realising interest on them. In order to make the position clear, the following statement of the manner in which interest can be drawn on the different kinds of securities, is issued for the information of the public.

2. *First Indian War Loan issued in 1917.*—Interest on the Government Securities of this loan excepting those in the shape of Stock Certificates, can be drawn by the holders from any of the treasuries in the Mysore State selected by them. They are advised to apply to the Officer in charge of the Hon'ble the Resident's Treasury, Bangalore, mentioning the amount, number and nature of the bonds they hold and the treasury (district or taluk) where they desire to draw interest, the bonds being sent with the application. That officer will instruct the treasury concerned and also inform the party of the arrangements made.

3. *Second Indian War Loan issued in 1918.*—Interest on the bonds for this loan, excepting those in the shape of Stock Certificates will be paid in any of the local treasuries of the State without further formality. All that the party has to do is to present a receipt in the prescribed form along with the bond, at the treasury selected. Such of the holders as desire to get the interest on War Bonds remitted to them periodically, may deposit their bonds at the Bank of Mysore which will draw the amount of interest half-yearly and remit it to them by postal money order deducting a very small commission.

4. Those who hold Stock Certificates will get interest warrants periodically from the Public Debt Office, Madras, enfaced for payment at any treasury named by them.

5. The above procedure is equally applicable to the drawing of interest on all Government of India Promissory Notes.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Compensation Leave.

ORDER NO. FL. C. 91-140—S. & A. 129-1920-1, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 23RD OCTOBER 1920.

At present several officers and officials have to attend office on public authorised holidays and have also to be on duty during Dasara and Christmas Holidays without being permitted to avail themselves of the same. Government consider it necessary that some consideration should be shown to such officers and officials, who are denied the use of holidays on account of the exigencies of the public service. They are accordingly pleased to direct that a Government servant who is called upon to attend office on a public authorised holiday, except as a punishment, or who is refused permission to utilise the Dasara or Christmas holidays and is required to attend office and to be on duty during those holidays, ma y be granted another day or equivalent number of days in lieu thereof when opportunity offers.

2. In the grant of such compensation leave, the following rules should be observed :—

(1) Such holidays may not be taken by any Government servant without the previous permission of the authority who is competent to grant him casual leave. An officer who is allowed to avail himself of casual leave without obtaining the previous permission of higher authority should intimate his intention of taking such a holiday to the authority to whom he makes similar intimations in respect of casual leave.

(2) Not more than ten such holidays in all may be taken in an official year and no such holidays shall be taken after the expiry of six months from the public holiday for which it is substituted. It will, however, be within the discretion of the head of an office to call on the subordinate affected to take such holiday on any date within the six months which the head of the office finds to be convenient.

(3) Not more than seven such holidays may be accumulated and a lower number may be fixed in his discretion by the head of the Office.

(4) Such holidays may be combined with casual leave or other authorised holidays, provided that the total period of absence from duty shall not exceed ten days.

(5) Gazetted officers, who are subordinates in an office, may be granted such holidays under the foregoing rules. In the case of a gazetted officer in independent charge of an office the same rules will apply, but if the permission of any authority to take a holiday is necessary under rule 1 above such authority should, before granting the required permission, satisfy himself that, owing to the exigencies of the public service, the said gazetted officer was unable to avail himself of the public holiday in lieu of which he applies for permission to take a holiday under para 1 above.

These rules will have effect from 1st October 1920 and will be incorporated in the Mysore Service Regulations (5th Edition) under print.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller to Government.
The other Heads of Departments.
The Secretaries to Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

Revision of Leave Regulations.

ORDER NO. FL. C. 160-209—S. & A. 130-1920-1, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 26TH OCTOBER 1920.

Government are pleased to sanction the revision of Leave Regulations as in the appendix to this order.

2. The broad features of the changes made are the following :—

(1) Removal of restrictions on taking short and long leave either by itself or in combination.

(2) Simplification of long leave rules by the elimination of the existing three kinds, *viz.*, furlough, leave on medical certificate, and leave on private affairs, and the substitution of only one kind of leave namely, furlough.

(3) Permission to officers coming under the Indian Service Rules to take furlough for five years whether with or without medical certificate, instead of furlough for two years and leave on medical certificate for three years.

(4) Accumulation of privilege leave up to four months.

(5) Permission to take in certain cases long leave in anticipation of earning it.

(6) Removal of restrictions imposed on the retirement of officers at the end of leave taken by them and the grant within certain limits of leave to officers who have passed the age of 55 years.

(7) Permission to combine privilege leave with vacation in the case of officers of vacation departments.

3. The new rules will have effect from 1st October 1920.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—All Secretaries to Government.
All Heads of Departments.
All Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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